

Northside Green Zone Task Force Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2020 - 05:30 PM

Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON), lower level conference room

Members : Yolonde Adams-Lee, Michael Chaney, Joanne Goddard, Markeeta Keyes, Juli Leerssen, Linnae Nelsen-Seys, Anthony Taylor, Princess Haley, Jim Voll, and Vanessa Willis (Quorum - 10)

Guests: Carrie Christensen, Marita Bujold, Michelle Shaw, Christopher Brittain, Clare Riley, Ellen Sheehy, Phillip McGraw, Jamez Staples

Staff : Kelly Muellman, Olayemi Fadahunsi

Call To Order

1. **Roll Call.** Vanessa called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves and say one word about how they are doing today.
2. **Adoption of the agenda.** Agenda was moved, seconded and adopted without amendment.
3. **Acceptance of minutes of [Jan 7, 2020](#).** January 7 meeting notes were moved, seconded and adopted without amendment.

Announcements

4. **Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board - Comprehensive Plan.** Carrie Christensen from MPRB presented on the "Parks For All" comprehensive plan that the Park Board is developing and received input from attendees. Ways to provide input and get involved include:
 - a. Submit ideas and suggestions in Dream Park boxes at recreation centers or through the [online survey](#).
 - b. Sign up for project updates on the project website: <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/parksforall>.
 - c. Invite MPRB to speak at other community or neighborhood groups.
 - d. Participate in the [Community Advisory Committee](#) – next meeting is March 26 from 6—8 p.m. Food provided.
 - e. Apply to be a Community Collaborator ([RFP applications](#) are due March 6, 2020).
5. **Mississippi Mushrooms – update from City.** CPED staff has been in communications with Mississippi Mushrooms for more than a year on the next stages of the redevelopment and its long-term plans. A City Council-directed cost-benefit analysis of the warehouse uncovered building and fire code issues and resulted in subsequent inspections. The business participated in all inspections that occurred last fall. The fact that the business didn't pull permits and has fire code violations is accelerating its departure from the building. CPED staff continue to provide assistance to find another location for this business.
6. **Upper Harbor Terminal Concept Plan Language re: Green Zone.** Michelle Shaw asked how the Northern Green Zone Task Force was engaging in the Upper Harbor Terminal development because the [UHT Concept Plan](#) approved by City Council includes language about the Green Zone (p.24). "The Northern Green Zone is a place-based policy initiative aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts in communities that face the cumulative effects of environmental pollution, as well as social, political and economic vulnerability. Given this redevelopment project will take place within a Green Zone, collaboration with the Northern Green Zone committee and incorporating the 12 Green Zones goals where applicable in the Coordinated Plan."

7. **Headwaters Community Food and Water Bill.** The Headwaters Community Food and Water bill will need support to be heard and approved this session at the MN Legislature. The Northern Green Zone approved a letter in support of the bill to go to the City of Minneapolis Intergovernmental Relations Team, City Council and Mayor so that the City may lobby for it on behalf of the Northern Green Zone Task Force.

Discussion

8. **Walk through questions / comments on each Work Plan topic.** Task Force members and guests reviewed each section of the Work Plan one-by-one and recommended amendments. The changes will be made to the draft Work Plan which will be voted on at the March 10 meeting.
9. **Activities & Budget Update.** Task Force members and guests reviewed an itemized list of expense from the Northern Green Zone funds and discussed next steps. One request was received and approved to allocate \$4,000 of remaining funds for a second Intergenerational Healing Circle. Two additional requests were received and will have further discussion at the March 10 meeting.

Adjournment

10. **Adjourn meeting until March 10, 2020.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Northside Green Zone Task Force meeting Date: Mar 10, 2020

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